

## SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS COMMUNICATIONS

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## City of Viola Hosts "Ready to Respond"

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Sedgwick County will take its "Ready to Respond" emergency preparedness lessons to the residents of Viola on Thursday, February 7. The class will be held at Viola City Hall, 121 S. Main, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Topics covered during the session will include:

- Building a family disaster kit
- Coping with disaster-related stress and anxiety
- Establishing home escape plans
- Learning how to "Shelter in Place"
- Using emergency equipment
- Performing a "home hazard hunt"
- Winter weather preparedness

"Even though the immediate threat from terrorism has faded, we are still aware that many other types of emergencies can occur, especially during the winter months," said Sedgwick County Commissioner Tom Winters, 3<sup>rd</sup> District. "Sedgwick County is still working hard to bring our emergency preparedness knowledge to the community and help our individual citizens, families and businesses be prepared for disaster."

Neighborhood associations, civic organizations, schools, businesses and church groups are encouraged to call Sedgwick County Emergency Management at (316) 383-7546 to schedule a class.

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